Gauge conversion under NRDS in Rajasthan

1791. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for gauge conversion in Rajasthan is going to be executed under National Rail Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by when it will be executed;

(c) whether Jaipur-Phulehra-Reengus-Rewari section which is quite sensitive and important is also going to be included in the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (d) There is no such scheme as National Rail Development Scheme. However, gauge conversion of Bhildi-Samdari (223 kms) and Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari (295 kms) sections are included in National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY). Gauge conversion of Phulera-Ringus-Rewari and Jaipur-Phulera has already been completed. The gauge conversion of Ajmer-Phulera and Bhildi-Samdari is targeted for completion during the current year.

Modernization of Tindharia workshop

†1792. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of railway workshop situated at Tindharia;

(b) whether Government has any proposal for modernization of Tindharia workshop;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) Tindharia workshop is presently engaged in Periodical over hauling (POH) of Narrow Gauge (NG) steam locos and NG coaches.

(b) to (d) A work of upgradation of some identified infrastructure of Tindharia workshop is in progress at an anticipated cost of Rs. 2.82 cr.

Survey work for new rail lines in Rajasthan

†1793. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals from Rajasthan included in survey work for the new rail lines in the rail budget of the year 2009-10; and

(b) the time frame set for completion of the survey work for the said new rail lines and the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) The details of new line surveys in Rajasthan included in the railway budget 2009-10 are as under:

1. Didwana-Ringus new BG line *via* Khatu Shyamji-Survey Completed.

2. Bilara-Bar new line

3. Ratlam-Banswara-Dungarpur new line

4. Ajmer-Sawaimadhopur *via* Tonk new line

5. Churu-Nauhar *via* Taranagar new line

The surveys are proposed to be completed in about one year.

Train accidents

1794. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail accidents took place in the country during the last one year;

(b) the number of casualties in each of these accidents;

(c) whether enquiries have been done to ascertain the reasons for the accidents, accident-wise; and

(d) the details of the reports of the enquiries and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) During the year 2008-09, 177 consequential train accidents took place on Indian Railways. Category-wise number of consequential train accidents during 2008-09 and casualties involved therein are as under:

Type of Consequential Accident	No. of Accidents (2008-09)	Killed (2008-09)	Injured (2008-09)
Collision	13	09	54
Derailments	85	10	141
Manned Level Crossing Accidents	07	18	54
Unmanned Level Crossing Accidents	62	129	143
Fire in Trains	03	31	11
Miscellaneous	07	12	40
TOTAL	177	209	443